

International conference on healthy air—better work 2007

29–31 May 2007, Helsinki (Finland)

The International Conference on Healthy Air—Better Work 2007 will be held at the Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland, on 29–31 May 2007. This conference is the first international conference in which indoor environment quality (IEQ) and the management of indoor air and the environment, occupational settings in particular, is the main focus. It will not merely concern the quality of indoor air, but also the whole indoor environment in nonindustrial workplaces, such as offices, schools, day-care centers, and hospitals.

Instructions for submitting an abstract and the online registration form are now available on the Internet at <http://www.ttl.fi/workair2007>. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15 February 2007.

The Conference is being organized by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) and the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, in collaboration with the Finnish Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate. It is being sponsored by the Finnish Work Environment Fund, Senate Properties, and the City of Helsinki.

NAM-NIVA Summer School 2007: a new concept

26–31 August 2007, Elsinore (Denmark)

The new NAM-NIVA Summer School is being organized for the first time on 26–31 August 2007 at Lo-skolen in Elsinore, Denmark. It will provide stimulating surroundings for advanced training with respect to the work environment and will offer a unique opportunity for receiving updated information on hot topics on the work environment and learning about how to implement new knowledge. The new NAM-NIVA Summer School replaces the annual Nordic Working Environment conferences, NAM.

The first three days will begin with plenary keynote lectures on intervention research, health economics, sickness absence, and safety culture, and a roundtable discussion on the aims and strategies of Nordic work environment research. The plenary sessions will be followed by parallel sessions that cover the following:

- NIVA course on intervention research
- NIVA course on reading and writing review articles in occupational epidemiology
- NIVA course on safety climate concepts and measurement
- NAM seminar on physical activity as a means of preventing or reducing musculoskeletal pain (tentative)

- NAM seminar on health economics
- NAM workshop on sickness absence: contributing factors and methodological issues in studying sickness absence and its prevention
- NAM workshop on how to measure progress in the work environment
- A poster session

Participants can register for combinations of NIVA courses and NAM seminar/workshops. The keynote lectures, roundtable discussion, and poster session will be open for all those who register. The deadline for registration is 1 June 2007. Poster presentations are particularly invited on the summer school topics. Last-minute posters can be submitted.

An issue of SJWEH Supplements (<http://www.sjweh.fi>) will be published on the documentation presented at the NAM-NIVA Summer School. Contributors are particularly invited to submit preliminary scientific findings, position papers, and workshop recommendations.

For more information check www.NIVA.org. Final announcements available March 2007.

NAM-NIVA Summer School 2008 will take place on 25–27 August 2008 in Norway.